

HOME COMING IS BROUGHT TO END

Big Celebration at Coal Valley Concludes With Saturday's Program.

PROVES UNUSUAL SUCCESS

John P. White Consents to Deliver Another Address—Locals Lose Ball Game to Olympics.

(Special to The Argus.)

Coal Valley.—The Home Coming has ended and most of the visitors who for three days had a happy time shaking hands with old friends and recounting reminiscences of the past, have departed for their homes. The celebration came to an end Saturday evening and proved, as anticipated, an unequalled success in every particular.

WHITE SPEAKS AGAIN.

To please many of the people who were unable to hear him Friday, John P. White again addressed his old time friends Saturday afternoon at the conclusion of the regular program. Mr. White dwelt on his boyhood days in Coal Valley, recalling many happy incidents and told numerous stories of men and women who have since that time made a name for themselves in the world. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. White and all of the people who were in his class in school, had their pictures taken. It was Mr. White's desire that he have this picture in order that he would be able to better remember his friends.

FARMING METHODS.

William McMeekin spoke upon the present day system of farming and told of different methods used in tilling the soil, by which the best results were obtained. John C. Bailey told of the manner used in breaking the ground years ago and of the crude way in which crops were raised when he first settled near Coal Valley.

Mrs. Margaret Bailey told of the various disadvantages that our grandmothers were under in their house-keeping. Many modern housewives would have no idea how to get a dinner if they were forced to use the same methods that were employed then.

GIVE EXHIBITION.

After the speaking, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward of Rock Island gave an exhibition with their saddle horses. These horses are just past three years old and when they were purchased by the Wards this year they were unbroken. Besides teaching her horse the regulation five galls, Mrs. Ward succeeded in teaching the animal many tricks that are very amusing. The tables were turned on the Coal Valley baseball team, as they were unable to hand the Olympics the same treatment they had the other teams in the two previous games, being defeated 12 to 6.

The batteries—Coal Valley, McGimpsey and Samuelson; Olympics, Dixon and Walters.

EVANGELIST DUNLOP AT CAMP MEETING



(Special to The Argus.)

Camp Meeting Grounds, Tindall's Grove, Aug. 24.—Sunday dawned with a beautiful day. The weather and roads were all that could be desired. The people began to arrive early in carriages and autos and when Evangelist Dunlop began his morning sermon fully 500 people were in their seats. The sermon was an inspiring one, from these words: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes."

In the afternoon fully 750 were in the audience and nearly 400 at the evening service. The gate receipts show that there were over 1,000 people on the grounds yesterday and over 125 autos. A man said on the grounds that the days of camp meetings are past, though the evidence seems to be the other way. With 1,000 people, not the slightest disorder occurred. Everybody was kind and courteous. Rev. Mr. Dunlop preached to larger congregations than any other preacher in a wide radius of miles.

Charles Finch of Alledo and others told us they would build new cottages for the people to decide for Christ. The singing under Rev. Mr. Dixon was excellent. The preachers' quartet rendered several selections. Rev. Mr. Dunlop, Miss Sipple of Rock Island and Miss Corlette sang solos. The children's meetings are growing in interest, there being some 60 children present in the tent.

NEGRO IS HELD FOR ROBBERY A WOMAN

George Hoppe, a negro, was arrested last evening on complaint of Mrs. John Veal, also colored, charged with stealing goods to the amount of \$50 from her home, 2317 Third avenue. The theft was committed about April 15.

When brought before the police magistrate this morning, Hoppe was bound over the grand jury under \$1,500 bonds.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO TOUR COUNTRY

Leave on Extensive Journey Through United States for Educational Training.

Daniel K. Brennan departed today on a tour around the United States. He will go from here to Chicago and from there to St. Paul, Minn., where he will meet the other members of the party, three in number. Mr. Brennan will act as special representative for the Meyer Both Advertising company of Chicago.

Some of the towns they will make en route west are Fargo and Bismarck, N. D., Miles City, Butte, Helena and Anaconda, Mont., and Spokane, Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle, Wash. From there they will journey south to Portland, Ashland, Medford and Eugene, Ore., then to Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco, Cal. At San Francisco two of the boys will remain, having secured positions there with a large advertising agency. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Leach will then go south to Los Angeles and San Diego.

En route east they will come via Tucson, Ariz., El Paso, San Antonio and Dallas, Texas, and then on to New Orleans, La. From there they will tour up the east coast of the United States to New York City. All four in the party are newspaper men, Fred Thomas of St. Paul, Minn., George Ryan of Chicago, Harry Leach of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. Brennan of this city. The object of the trip is to see the country and for the education that will be derived from it.

CITY CHAT

COMING EVENTS.

TONIGHT.

Meeting of Island City Bowling league at the Hotel Harms to arrange schedule of games.

Milan camp meeting.

TOMORROW.

Teachers' institute at high school building.

Motor boat regatta at Keokuk.

Camp meeting at Milan.

Meeting of Rock Island independent football club members.

Local members leave to attend annual reunion of the Ninth Illinois Cavalry Veterans' association at Armory hall.

WEDNESDAY.

Contract awarded for construction of shed and hose tower at the city and Tenth streets.

Barns on Sixth avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Twenty-seventh annual reunion of the 102nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry at New Windsor.

Teachers' institute at high school building.

Motor boat races at Keokuk.

Revival services at Milan.

(Advertisements.)

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August Blanket Sale

The Great August Furniture Sale—Save a Third

This Annual Sale begins Tuesday in the great Third Floor Sections. The blunt facts are these: Anybody can sell Blankets a bit cheaper this year than last—because wools are cheaper. But we go farther than the wool markets—we've saved; saved wisely—mostly through the economy of larger buying—and on many known and liked sorts of blankets we have marked

Prices a Third Less Than Charged Last Fall

In no month of any year have prices been so low. And in no other month of this year can you buy nearly so cheap. We risk prophecy in foretelling higher prices. Suppose they don't get higher. Then what? You lose confidence in Young & McCombs. We say prices will be higher—we know it, and we take no risk in saying so. To be sure, some little mill may fail and a few blankets might crop up during the fall—but the chance is too remote to be worth waiting for.

Buy Your Winter Supply Now

or wait and pay more. The Blanket Sale includes very interesting lots of Comforts, Spreads, Sheets and Pillow Cases.

Blankets, Comfortables and Crib Blankets

A 10% reduction on this new stock of goods bought at close margin, and we are going to give this benefit to the people of the Tri-Cities. Come and see the great bargains.

Prices in Cotton Blankets range from 98c to \$3.50.

Prices in Wool Blankets range from \$5.50 to \$20.00.

Prices in Comforts range from \$1.75 to \$15.00.

Children's Crib Blankets in pink and blue, nursery designs, 50c.

Children's Crib Blankets, white with blue and pink borders, 35c.

Furniture Department Offerings

Bed, Spring and Mattress Outfit.

1 Iron Bed, 4-6.

1 Woven Wire Spring, iron frame, 3 rows coil supports.

1 Good Mattress.

\$6.37 for the Lot

Bed, Spring and Mattress.

1 Iron Bed, Vernis Martin finish, 2 inch posts, full size—4-6.

1 Combination Mattress, full size.

1 Spring, W. W. Iron frame, 3 rows coil supports.

\$11.57 for the Lot

Special \$8 All Cot. Felt Mat. \$5.95

Other Mattresses of the finest quality.

\$ 9.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, \$ 6.50 \$11.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, \$ 9.00

\$10.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, \$ 7.50 \$13.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, \$11.00

The home of the famous Sealy Mattress, special this sale, \$18

Bed, Spring and Mattress.

1 Vernis Martin Bed, 4-6, 2 inch posts, 5-8 fillers.

1 Cotton Felt Mattress, 45 lbs., roll edge, 4-6.

1 Way Sagless Spring, 4-6.

\$13.50 for the Lot

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FOREIGN NEWS

Paris, Aug. 25.—Close to the old Breton town of Fougères is a pond beside which is a sign post setting forth in large letters that, by order of the local authorities, "all persons drowning themselves in the pond will be heavily fined."

During the past few months, quite a number of persons, tired of life, have ended their lives in the placid waters of the little lake, moved no doubt by the spirit of imitation so frequently found in persons of unbalanced mind. A woman dwelling on the bank conceived the idea two months ago of putting up the notice in question, and the instinct of obedience to the behests of authority is so deep seated in the French mind that no suicides have occurred in the pond since.

Paris, the traditional resort of kings in exile, now harbors the ex-Sultan of Morocco, Abdul Aziz.

His majesty, in flowing robes of white, is to be seen daily in a large automobile driving along the boulevards. To distract him from his gloomy thoughts he was taken to a well-known vaudeville establishment to see the "Revue." The potentate gazed with indifference at the long array of gorgeously arrayed dancers; only when Jack Johnson appeared to give an exhibition of boxing, and to dance with his wife, did a gleam of interest dawn in the royal eyes. "What a splendid slave he would have made for me a few years ago," said his majesty with a deep sigh.

Residents on the Swiss shore of Lake Constance are watching with great interest a series of experiments with a new aerial gun, conducted over the lake from a Zeppelin airship.

Great secrecy has been maintained about the trials, and the full results are not known. Firing from a height of 800 feet, it was observed that the floating target was riddled with bullets, while from 2,500 feet another target suffered considerably.

It is understood that the new gun is a quick firer, a kind of aerial maxim. It is not designed to sink vessels so much as to kill the crews. The experiments are always carried out at sunset.

There is a persistent report that the vacant chair at the French academy is to be filled by a woman. The Academicians themselves are understood to be favorably disposed to the innovation, in view of the indisputable talents of a person mentioned, the Comtesse de Noailles, who was recently declared by a distinguished foreign critic to be the greatest living French poet.

Anatole France, when asked recently the date of his next appearance at the Academy, is said to have replied: "Very shortly—for the election of Madame de Noailles." The French Academy according to tradition, is never in vacation, and this year is no exception to the rule. At the last meeting there were only half a dozen of the forty present, but the never-end-

ing task of revising the great dictionary went on as usual.

There are at present more waiters than guests in the Swiss hotels situated at high altitudes, as the result of the continuous cold and rain during July. The hotels in the valleys, however, are crowded with tourists, who have been waiting for weeks for better weather to go up into the mountains.

The first part of the summer season has been a complete failure and it is estimated that hotel proprietors, railroads and storekeepers have lost over \$1,250,000. Climbing in the higher Alps has been too dangerous this season and Lake Constance has overflowed in several parts, flooding a number of villages and towns. As a result the tourist travel has been unusually light. The weather now, however, shows signs of improving and visitors probably soon will begin to flock to the higher levels, but it is too late to prevent the season of 1913 from being one of the worst of many years.

The Bank of France has decided to strike into coin the whole of its gold metal reserve, amounting to \$600,000,000.

The decision of the bank was caused by the recent gold crisis in Europe and the fact that foreign banks, in troubled times, do not like to take gold in the form of bars. At the rate at which the gold is being minted, about \$5,000 twenty-franc gold pieces a day, it will take at least two years for the whole of the reserve to be coined.

A curious congress, that of the "Infirm and Atrophied of France," will be held in Paris during October.

The program of the congress has not yet been made public, but among other festivities will be a reception at the Hotel de Ville which the Municipal Councilors promised, without realizing what it might entail. It has now been pointed out to the councilors that the legless and otherwise infirm delegates will have great difficulty in ascending to the reception rooms and the question of installing an elevator for the occasion is being discussed.

The number of persons acquitted by French juries on the ground of partial responsibility is growing to dangerous proportions, and the question is likely to be dealt with shortly by parliament.

The urgency of the problem has been brought up by a resolution of the jury at the Paris Assizes, which points out that the law, as it stands at present, leaves them no alternative between outright acquittal and the infliction of penalties which, under the circumstances, are excessive. The jury explains it has to deal with persons who, while not entirely responsible for their actions, are yet sufficiently responsible to deserve some punishment, instead of being allowed to go scot-free.

Special prison-sanatoriums are advocated as the best means of dealing with this class of prisoners.

London, Aug. 25.—The women of the British Islands have a new and novel grievance. It is incidental to the workings of the Lloyd George insurance scheme which, among other things, gives 30 shillings to every insured woman on childbirth. Now the

question is shall the woman or her husband collect this money?

About the time the law was to go into effect this paternal government plastered the country with posters of the size and general appearance of those the circus advance agents paste upon farmers' barns, bearing a picture of a crowd of cheerful looking women all holding fat babies in their arms. The purpose was to call attention to this maternity benefit of £7.50.

The husbands of the mothers now claim that the money should be handed to them, and thus far they have been prompt in collecting it whenever a household has been blessed with offspring. Many of them have been equally prompt about disburdening it, and that has caused the trouble. One man is said to have used this windfall to elope with another woman, and cases of the head of the family treating himself to a spree have not been rare.

Questions have been asked in the house of commons with the object of having a rule adopted by which this maternity benefit will be paid only to the mothers, and some of the women's societies have taken up the matter and doubtless they will gain their point.

The loss of the Dwight F. Davis cup, emblematic of the world's lawn tennis championship in doubles, which went July 28 to a team of American players, has been followed by the usual stream of journalistic criticism, devoid, however, of that acrimony which marked British comment on the outcome of the last Olympic games.

The chief subject of this post-mortem investigation is the American "smash" service. An anonymous writer in the Standard began the discussion by denouncing the "smash" service as a trick stroke which should be barred by legislation, just as the spot shot was in billiards. The correspondence thus started has gone merrily forward with the opponents of the famous service apparently in the minority. The discussion has broadened until it includes the question of the propriety of including lawn tennis in the playing curriculum of the public schools, and the problem of replacing the present English veterans with young players.

Underlying all of the criticism and suggestions are indications of disappointment over the defeat, which lead some correspondents to deplore the whole controversy as evidence that the English are "bad losers." One advocate of the American game concludes his letter as follows:

"The present waiting seems to me to be more suited to a kindergarten than to a nation of sportsmen." Another, signing herself "Athletic Girl," says: "I have read the letters and articles on the loss of the Davis cup with increasing irritation. The most alarming symptom of the decadence of English sport is the spirit in which defeats are taken. We no longer uphold our traditions and take our bearings like men, but whine and snivel in the columns of the daily press as to the reasons of our defeat." One thing in which practically all

the critics agree is that Maurice H. McLoughlin, one of the American players, has proven himself the sensation of the year on English courts. One critic declares that at his best the Californian is the greatest player that ever lived, being better than either of the Dohertys in their prime, and that at his worst only the players in the very front rank of world's tennis have any chance of beating him. This critic points out that Anthony F. Wilding only beat McLoughlin after the American had played through all the rounds of a great tournament, and that J. C. Parke defeated him in a five set match in which the Californian took the majority of strokes and games.

The question of the etiquette of the hat in the house of commons has again been raised by Commoner King wearing his hat in the distinguished strangers gallery.

Unfortunately, before the speaker could rule on the question which was raised, Mr. King disappeared from the gallery and the affair was dropped, but old members of the house insist that to wear his hat anywhere within the chamber, provided only that he is seated. But if he rises from his seat or moves from his position he must uncover during the process. If a division has been called and a member wishes to raise a point of order he can do so only if he is wearing a hat. In strict parliamentary etiquette a member should always raise his hat when he is referred to by the speaker.

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WRIXON'S ORCHESTRA

Important Changes in Form of State Government Will Be Considered at Governors' Conference



Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 25.—Recommendations for drastic changes in the form of state government will be presented and considered at the conference of governors, which will open in this city tomorrow. A subject which will probably receive more attention than any other is "A State Department of Efficiency and Economy," which has been assigned to Governor Cruce of Oklahoma and Governor Lister of Washington.

Governors Cruce and Lister will advocate many reforms along lines of efficiency and economy in the administration of state affairs, such as the coordination of state work, the consolidation of commissions, the more effective apportionment of school funds, a state budget, legislative procedure, merit system, a central state purchasing department, prison labor and a wage scale for state employees.

Other speakers will be Governors O'Neal of Alabama and Hunt of Arizona, who have prepared exhaustive

papers on "Distrust of State Legislatures, the Cause, the Remedy," Governor Dunne of Illinois, who will talk on "The Growth of Administrative Commissions," and Governors Baldwin of Connecticut and Cary of Wyoming, who will present arguments on the feasibility of "State Assumption of Nomination and Election Expenses."

A committee of nine governors, appointed last year, will present to the conference a bill providing for the establishment of rural credit banks and land mortgage co-operative associations for the purpose of both buying and selling the articles required by the farmer and selling his crops, and with provisions sufficiently elastic to meet conditions in every section of the nation.